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PLAYOFF SEASON

Sens fever grips city with perfect timing



Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

The temperature is in the double digits. The Ottawa Senators are in the playoffs. Fans are cheering. Angels are singing and bar owners on Elgin Street are rejoicing at the impeccable timing.

"It's a bar owner's dream," said Luke Rochefort, who owns the St. Louis bar along the Sens Mile, which opened Sunday.

Finding a spot to watch the game at a bar on Elgin Street on Wednesday when the playoff season opens with the Senators facing their rivals in Montreal might be a challenge.

And that's exactly what businesses have been waiting for after a long, seemingly never-ending winter.

Most owners say the playoffs are a huge draw for customers. Sens flags were up in front of Maxwell's Sunday as city crews erected brand new heritage signs along the downtown corridor.

"It's great for this city. It's perfect weather. It's great conditions for it. Couldn't have asked for better," said co-owner Heith Graham.

Like with most major sports tournaments, even the non-sports enthusiasts will join in on the fun, according to Sir John A. Pub's owner, Peter Abraham.

"Everybody comes together. Even if you're not a Sens fans or a real sports fan, you get caught up in the hype," he said.

"It's been a long winter, it's been a cold winter, so people are just looking for some excitement."

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Ottawa city councillors Eli El-Chantiry (far left) and Catherine McKenney, Mayor Jim Watson and Ottawa Senators President Cyril Leeder hold up street signs at the opening of the Sens Mile on Elgin Street in Ottawa on Sunday. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Forget spring! Ottawans slip into summer mode

CITY LIFE

Day spent soaking up sun as nice weather finally arrives



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

When the mercury is above 10 C, people in Ottawa don't waste time declaring it summer and dressing the part.

Temperatures reached 18 C on Sunday, and the afternoon warmth brought out the city's sunglasses, shorts and legs that hadn't seen sunshine in six long months.

"Spring has arrived and it's fantastic. I mean it wasn't as warm last night, but I saw people at 11 o'clock at night wearing shorts and T-shirts," said Kate Nguyen, who was doing some suntanning in a bikini downtown.

"Everybody has spring fever; they just can't wait to wear summer clothing," she said.

This past year was Nguyen's first winter in Ottawa. Sunday in Major's Hill Park offered the perfect preview of summer in the city, full of people tanning, playing guitars, walking dogs and throwing Frisbees.

"It's great to see people outside. I mean, Ottawa people



A crowd gathers to watch Chris Pilsworth perform a magic show in the Byward Market on Sunday. ANDRZEJ TERRENCE/FOR METRO

are very friendly anyway, but the sunshine puts everyone in a good mood," she said.

While most people sprawled on the grass soaking up the sun, one family even had a hammock set up in the shade. Buskers, hotdog carts and food trucks populated downtown streets.



Everybody has spring fever.

Kate Nguyen

Restaurant owners added more staff for the day to deal with packed patios.

It was the kind of weather that when you can't find a spot on the patio, you make your own, which is exactly what Jasmine Raposo and Rachel Jones decided to do.

"We wanted to stay outside but all the patios were full, so we grabbed a sandwich

and came out here instead," said Raposo, picnicking on the lawn of the Parliament buildings and enjoying the sunshine.

"It's been so cold we've been complete hermits this winter. I don't have words to describe how happy I am today," added Jones.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Man charged for Hill threat

Police in southwestern Ontario say they've arrested a man who allegedly threatened to blow up the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa. Chatham-Kent police say they were contacted by the RCMP on Friday to follow up on an alleged threat made by a man in Chatham, Ont.

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IN BRIEF

Police, divers call off search for missing teen

The search for a missing 14-year-old boy has been called off. On Friday, Gatineau police and divers with Sûreté du Québec ended the days-long search of the icy waters of the Ottawa River.

The teen fell into the river with a 16-year-old boy last Monday. The older boy managed to pull himself on shore and was sent to hospital in non-life-threatening condition.

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Fans high on the Senators

HOCKEY

Facing rival Canadiens, supporters say Ottawa will win

Nicholas Hodge
For Metro | Ottawa

An unofficial Ottawa Senators mascot has made a bold play-off prediction.

"Somebody has to lose, and it's going to be Montreal," said Luc Guertin, the man inside Waldo the snowman, at the unveiling of the new Sens Mile signs on Sunday afternoon.

Waldo took pictures with fellow hockey fans and received a personal shout-out from Mayor Jim Watson at the Elgin Street rally marking the beginning of Ottawa's play-off run. The team will start a best-of-seven series against the Montreal Canadiens on Wednesday.

+ TICKETS

General seating for the home games in Ottawa between the Senators and Montreal Canadiens go on sale Monday at 10 a.m.

+ TEAMS

Tale of the tape: Ottawa Senators

Season record: 43-26-13
Last 30 games: 22-4-4
Playoff appearances (including the 1917-34 team): 25
Puckstopper: Andrew Hammond, the Hamburglar,

the Sens unlikely hero

Montreal Canadiens

Season record: 50-22-10
Last 30 games: 16-7-7
Playoff appearances: 82
Puckstopper: Carey Price, Olympic gold medal winner and MVP candidate

"I'm so excited," said Guertin, who has been wearing the snowman outfit for three seasons. "It's felt like the playoffs for the last month and a half."

Waldo was joined by the more official mascots Spartacat and Prime Ministers Wilfrid Laurier and John A. Macdonald at the rally that attracted hundreds wearing red, white and black. Watson led the crowd in a "Go Sens Go" chant.

"We're going for the Stanley Cup, that's the ultimate goal," said fan Donovan Rose. "What a sensational run the Sens have had."

Larry Martella, who attended the event with his son Gabriele, thinks that Ottawa will take the series in six games.

"I'm giving them the edge," said Martella.

"It's been awhile since the Senators have had such a good chance at winning the cup. It

was in 2007 against the Anaheim Ducks."

Fans are expecting a physical and competitive series because of the trash talk and hard hits that took place when the teams met in the 2013 playoffs.

"I wouldn't expect anything less," said Eric Raymond enthusiastically. "Line brawls are something we are going to see."

The rivalry shared between the Sens and Habs is only outdone by their mutual distaste for the Leafs.

One of the match-ups hockey lovers are looking forward to is the showdown between Carey Price, an established all-star goalie, and the red-hot Andrew Hammond, the Hamburglar.

"As great as Price is, we've got Hammond," said Rose. "I don't know if he's better than Price but I would say he's more determined."



Fans of the Ottawa Senators take a selfie with the Prime Minister mascots on hand for Sunday's Sens Mile launch. ANDRZEJ TERRENCE/FOR METRO

PLAYOFFS

Watson inviting Maple Leafs fans to jump on bandwagon



Mayor Jim Watson speaks to reporters on Sunday. Watson wasted no time to chirp Toronto Mayor John Tory on Twitter, reveling in the fact that his team is in and Toronto is out.

ANDRZEJ TERRENCE/FOR METRO

Joe Lofaro
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Minutes after the Ottawa Senators clinched a playoff spot Saturday, Mayor Jim Watson wasted no time to chirp Toronto Mayor John Tory on Twitter, reveling in the fact that his team is in and Toronto is out.

"Hey @JohnTory isn't it great that all the Canadian NHL teams are in the playoffs.....oh wait, sorry!" Tweeted Watson.

"@JimWatsonOttawa maybe we'll meet in the @

MLB World Series...oh sorry," replied Tory.

Now that the Leafs are out of the playoffs, he wants Toronto fans to jump on the Ottawa bandwagon and cheer on their inner provincial rivals.

We had a little bit of fun with John Tory and he took it with good stride, but there are a lot of Leafs fans in this city," said the Ottawa mayor after officially opening Sens Mile on Elgin Street.

To build excitement, he's reviving the playoff tradition by placing a bet with Montreal's mayor, Denis Coderre.

The two mayors did that in 2013, but the bet wasn't fully honoured because of then-Mayor Michael Applebaum's trouble with the law in a corruption scandal.

"He was supposed to send me Montreal smoked meat the next day, but unfortunately he was arrested," Watson quipped.

"My hope is that Mayor Coderre is not arrested and he lives up to his bet and sends the smoked meat to all of us in Ottawa."

The mayor is asking for Sens fans to chime in on his "cheesy" bet with Montreal for this season.

Senators president Cyril Leeder, who asked the City of Ottawa to reverse its plans to open Sens Mile early, said he didn't want to jump the gun by opening it before the

+ SPEAKING OUT

The players react to making the playoffs:

"We made an unbelievable run for the past 30 games," Senators' captain Erik Karlsson said.

"That's a really special feeling for this group from where we were," Senators' netminder Andrew Hammond said.

Sens had a chance to win a few more crucial games.

"It's fantastic that we've got the opportunity to a, be in the playoffs and b, open Sens Mile and really get the city excited and behind the team," said Leeder.



The Senators are now Ontario's only team and the Toronto Maple Leafs fans should get behind the team. Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson



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OTTAWA TAKING SPRING CLEANING TO NEW HEIGHTS A window cleaner gives the Shaw Centre's large glass facade a shine on a beautiful spring Sunday. ANDRZEJ TERRENCE/FOR METRO

Glebe blaze was arson, say police

CRIME

Fire destroys six businesses; building must come down

Haley Ritchie
For Metro

Ottawa Police have confirmed that the explosive fire that destroyed six Glebe businesses last week was arson.

Crowds gathered Sunday afternoon to watch the cleanup as police finished their investigation of the scene.

Firefighters were called to the building at Bank Street and Fifth Avenue on Thursday around 11 p.m. after residents reported an explosion and flames.

Crews were still working hours later, according to witnesses, as the fire spread to the whole building.

"The smell was horrendous," said Eleanor Ryan, who has lived

nearby on Fourth Avenue for more than 40 years.

She said the sound of the explosion brought her outside late Thursday to watch the blaze, which would frequently flare up high above the building.

"It was lucky the time it happened. No one was working, or else it could have been an even bigger tragedy," she said.

The criminal investigation will be ongoing, and the Ontario fire marshal will need more time to figure out how the fire was set, according to police.

Six businesses are completely gutted and blackened inside, in-

+ PROBE

Insurance company to look into alleged arson

It's expected the building's insurance company will begin their own investigation on Monday.

cluding Silver Scissors hair salon, Mac's convenience store, Pizza Hut, Beaver's Mug Café, Browns Cleaners and the recently opened Encino Taco Shop.

Police confirmed the entire building will have to come down.



Cleanup crews and investigators were still working Sunday afternoon at the scene. HALEY RITCHIE/FOR METRO

ENERGY

Solar company sues Ontario Power Authority for \$9M

An Ottawa company that participated in a provincial program helping homeowners and farmers develop renewable energy projects is suing the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) for \$9 million, claiming it lost hundreds of customers and was forced to lay off all its employees after the OPA retroactively reduced fees paid out under the plan.

The claim, which the province disputes, relates to the government's microFIT program, an ongoing initiative introduced by Ontario's Energy Ministry in 2009.

The program was launched to encourage homeowners, farmers, small businesses and insti-

tutions to produce small renewable-energy projects.

These owners are paid for the electricity they produce, and the prices are set to enable them to recover their costs and earn a "reasonable return" over a 20-year period.

According to court documents, Capital Solar Power Corp. says it expended "vast sums of money" and time recruiting participants for the program, and in September 2011 saw about 275 of them apply for microFIT.

Of the 275 customers, about 175 obtained an offer to connect from a local electricity distribution company, who in turn notified the Ontario Power Authority

+ COMPENSATION

Company lost customers, forced to lay off workers

Capital Solar says it lost all of its customers, including the 175 who received offers to connect to a distribution company. The company laid off all its employees in July 2012 and says it lost any potential profit associated with these customers and wasted the resources used to recruit the customers.

about the offers.
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INSURANCE

Drivers overcharged \$3B: Study

Ontario drivers were overcharged \$3 billion over a decade by highly profitable insurance firms while accident benefits were slashed, a personal-injury lawyers' group says.

The insurance industry denies the allegation.

The average family should have paid \$100 to \$120 less for

auto insurance in 2013, a study for the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association shows.

While the auto-insurance industry, as a group, has reported very weak profits, individual companies have earned far more than the 11 per cent return on equity allowed by the Ontario government, the

analysis by two York University professors found.

Meanwhile, accident benefits have been repeatedly cut by government, law association president Steve Rastin told a press conference in Toronto.

"Families in the province are paying more and getting less," Rastin said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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IN BRIEF

Ontario, Quebec to sign cap-and-trade deal before climate-change summit

Premier Kathleen Wynne will sign an agreement Monday with Quebec on a cap-and-trade system to put a price on carbon in an effort to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions.

Ontario government sources told The Canadian Press that Wynne will announce the deal at a news conference in Toronto on Monday before flying to Quebec City to make it official with Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard.

The agreement between Ontario and Quebec will be signed one day before the other provincial and territorial premiers join Couillard and Wynne for a summit on climate change.

Ontario committed to carbon pricing in 2008 when it signed the Western Climate Initiative (WCI) with California and Quebec. They created a joint cap-and-trade system that lets polluters buy credits from companies that cap their greenhouse-gas emissions.

Wynne said earlier this year that it was time for Ontario to act on that seven-year-old agreement and make it "real in whatever form that takes."

California will not be part of Monday's agreement between Ontario and Quebec. British Columbia also signed the WCI but instead of cap-and-trade introduced a carbon tax that included a seven-cent-a-litre levy on gasoline.

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Kathleen Wynne
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Milan Stolarik, standing near a planned location for a Canada Post community mailbox on Andover Place, called the Crown corporation's lack of public consultation "anti-democratic." LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Ottawans decry planned mailboxes

CANADA POST

Councillor, residents raise concerns over locations



Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

An Ottawa councillor said his office has fielded about a hundred angry calls in recent weeks about Canada Post's planned community mailboxes.

Rick Chiarelli, who represents the College Ward, said people are upset about what they say is a

lack of public consultation on the planned locations of these boxes.

One such box is slated for Andover Place, a collector road with no sidewalk, which Chiarelli said could be dangerous for people pulling over to pick up mail.

Milan Stolarik, who has lived there for about 40 years, is one of the residents upset about the community mailbox planned for his road.

"The bottom line is they didn't consult with the community, and the community knows better than the post office where these things should be," he said. "They didn't consult on stopping home delivery, either.... This is anti-democratic all the way."

A Meadowbank Drive resident

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Kanata was one of the 11 communities in Canada that saw the end of door-to-door delivery last fall. A total of 7,900 addresses were affected.

told Metro he was worried the location of his neighbourhood's mailbox would draw a lot of pedestrian traffic on his property.

Chiarelli said he's working on meeting with Canada Post about the location of the community mailboxes, which he suggests is arbitrary without

proper consultation.

"We wouldn't put a no-parking sign anywhere without consulting," he said.

A spokesperson for Canada Post said the Crown corporation has posted online surveys for residents to fill out about the location of the mailboxes, plus it has met with municipalities and businesses. They are working to place the boxes in central locations within their communities.

"We've made it our responsibility to invest in every single alternative suggestion made to us," said Anick Losier. "But, ultimately, this equipment needs to go somewhere.... We're doing the best we can in order to satisfy all wishes."

PROVINCIAL POLITICS

PC party a 'toxic brand'

Ontario's Progressive Conservative party is a "toxic brand" that turns off voters, women and young people in particular, deputy leader Christine Elliott said Saturday.

"Right now, we all know our party is a toxic brand. There's a lot of people who don't even want to hear what we as PCs have to say," Elliott admitted in her closing statement after a debate against her only remaining leadership rival, Patrick Brown, the Barrie MP.

"We need to change the direction and tone of our party in order to win, because right now we're not appealing to a lot of women. There's a huge gender gap," she told the crowd at the Lakeshore Cinema in Tecumseh, near Windsor, Ont.

"It's apparently not cool to be a PC member on a college or university campus."

Brown said the Tories lost four consecutive elections with policies like cutting 100,000 public-sector jobs and faith-based funding because the party did not listen to members and instead had campaign ideas foisted on them by PC headquarters.

"That top-down group that ran Queen's Park did not value membership," Brown said. "That establishment is doing everything possible to make sure I don't win this leadership, but you know what, the grassroots wants their party back."

The field to become leader of the once-powerful Progressive Conservatives, and the province's Official Opposition, narrowed to just two Thursday when London-area MPP Monte McNaughton pulled out and threw his support to Brown, a 36-year-old three-term federal backbencher.

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Archeologist Nadine Kopp holds up a pipe bowl decorated with a *coursur des bois*, or a runner of the wood. Kopp spoke about artifacts found during two archeological digs on Parliament Hill on Friday, saying that the artifacts offer clues as to how people of the region lived in centuries past. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Parliament Hill unearthed

HISTORY

Artifacts tell the story of a time before Confederation

If Parliament Hill has seemed throughout its history like a boozy, male-dominated powder keg, it's worth noting that that's partly what it was built on.

Recent archeological digs outside some of the main buildings in the precinct have turned up tens of thousands of artifacts from the early 19th century.

They tell a story of life before Sir John A. MacDonald, before members of Parliament and senators, and before Ottawa

was even called Ottawa.

Starting in 1827, the area that is now Parliament Hill was called Barrack Hill, a staging ground for the British Royal Engineers to undertake the construction of the nearby Rideau Canal. It was overseen by Lt. Col. John By — for which Bytown (now Ottawa) was named. It remained a military area until 1858, when Queen Victoria designated the site the future capital.

When crews began to dig to the west and east of Parliament's Centre Block last year for construction projects, they began to find evidence of that earlier incarnation. Archeologists were called in to excavate the sites with small trowels.

On the east side, near a Senate parking lot, they found evidence of the foundations of the

former powder magazine. It's believed that most of that limestone foundation structure is intact under an existing statue of Queen Elizabeth.

On the other side, north of the West Block, they found something even more significant — essentially the garbage dump, or "midden," of the former officers' quarters. Such discoveries can tell researchers heaps about a way of life in a particular era.

Nadine Kopp, a project archeologist with the Paterson Group, oversaw the digs for the Department of Public Works.

She lights up as she sifts through numbered plastic bags full of pottery shards, bits of weaponry, bottles and other treasures.

"You wouldn't typically expect to find a military site in downtown Ottawa, so it was really interesting, and really interesting that we found this intact, with all the construction that has taken place on the Hill since 1859," Kopp said. "It's amazing that it was still there and preserved."

Ottawa historian Don Nixon, in his book *The Other Side of the Hill*, described the environment on Barrack Hill and

+ TREASURES DISCOVERED

Opium bottles, smoking pipes, lice combs and more

Among the artifacts found were:

- A completely intact, long and thin opium bottle — a common remedy in the day for different aches and pains, as well as cholera.
- Two Catholic religious medals, unusual because most of the British officers would have been Protestant
- Several smoking pipes, including an unusual one engraved with a beaver and a *coursur des bois*, or a runner of the woods.
- Personal grooming tools such as a lice comb and a toothbrush.
- Thousands of pieces of



A Lea & Perrins bottle, clockwise from left, wine glass, beer bottle and mustard bottle that date back to the early 19th century are displayed. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

pottery and china imported from England.

- An intact Lea & Perrins Worcestershire sauce bottle

and a mustard jar, the kind of condiments an officer might use to spice up his food.

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When you think of early Bytown, it's often portrayed as a swamp, as a back-country area, but it's interesting to see the officers still enjoyed a gentlemanly life that was expected of them.

Nadine Kopp, project archeologist with the Paterson Group

how cows and horses used to graze there.

The buildings faced towards the Ottawa river, rather than out onto what would become the modern downtown core.

"Looking through 1/8 the trees 3/8 from their front verandas the soldiers had the most wonderful view of the sweep-

ing river, the thundering falls, the green forest and the hazy mountains in the distance beyond," Nixon wrote.

The officers' quarters became government offices after Confederation in 1867, but burned down in 1874.

"By finding actual artifacts in context, from the barracks,

we can better learn about the actual people that lived there, and that's what archeology's all about, learning about the people from the past," said Kopp.

Public Works says it will transfer the artifacts to interested Canadian museums.

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CHATHAM, ONT.

Police defuse alleged bomb plot

Police in southwestern Ontario say they've arrested a man who allegedly threatened to blow up the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa.

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ENGLAND

Spouse of 45 years denied immigration



David Summers and his wife Maria are shown in a family handout photo. DAVID SUMMERS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A Canadian woman hoping to spend her retirement years with her husband in England is on the verge of being kicked out of the country because officials are questioning the affection level in her 45-year marriage.

Maria Summers had her application for a visa formally declined in 2014 on the grounds that she and her husband David had not provided enough evidence to prove that their relationship was both ongoing and emotionally supportive.

The retired optician has appealed the unusual decision, but says the stakes are high if it's declined.

The couple faces the prospect of selling their home in Hereford, England, consigning David's cancer-stricken moth-

er to long-term care and relinquishing their long-held retirement plans if the U.K. border agency doesn't reverse its decision.

"If I can't stay, then we will have to sell. We will have to move back to Canada," Maria Summers said in a telephone interview. "That's not horrible, either. We've been in Canada for a long time, but it wasn't the plan when we retired."

The ruling left the couple in the unusual position of trying to prove the strength of their emotional bond, Summers said, adding the paperwork for her appeal includes numerous photographs chronicling their decades as both partners and parents to a now 42-year-old son.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper looks on as Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto speaks with Cuban President Raul Castro during the official leaders photo at the Summit of the Americas in Panama City, Panama Saturday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harper set to unveil emissions targets

SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

PM to release long-awaited carbon goals before G7

Stephen Harper says Canada will unveil its targets for greenhouse gas emissions before the G7 meetings in June.

Harper's remarks Saturday came after his government missed the March 31 target date for countries to

submit emissions reduction pledges ahead of December's United Nations climate summit in Paris.

Speaking to reporters at the Summit of the Americas in Panama, the prime minister said Ottawa wanted to give the provinces a chance to have their own conference to discuss their emissions targets.

The provinces are to meet in Quebec City on Tuesday.

Harper said the federal government would like to see the outcome of provin-

cial talks before it releases its targets.

"Obviously we will be moving forward with our partners, not just in announcing targets but, as we've done in the past, continuing to support international climate-change financing," Harper said in Panama City, where he participated in the Summit of the Americas.

Harper said Canada will continue to support international climate-change financing.

The prime minister also

discussed climate change Saturday with Barack Obama, but he said the U.S. president did not ask him for a commitment on emissions.

"I think he knows, as everyone knows, that the government of Canada will, like all governments, announce its commitments, its particular targets prior to the Paris summit," Harper said.

The U.S. recently made a formal pledge to cut greenhouse gas emissions by up to 28 per cent over the next decade. THE CANADIAN PRESS

LANGUAGE

Study looks at how kids learn native tongues

Three indigenous languages still spoken in Canada are among a group being studied as researchers attempt to understand how children around the world learn their vastly different mother tongues.

The global project — spearheaded by the University of Zurich — is looking at Dene, East Cree, and Inuktitut among 10 languages.

Researchers already know that children have little problem learning to speak their native language. What's not well understood is exactly how this happens.

"We're trying to get a real sense of how children can acquire or learn any language in the world," Dagmar Jung, a senior researcher from the University of Zurich, said in an interview.

"It's a miracle that any child can actually learn any language it's exposed to when it's young."

As part of the study, Jung and Olga Lovick, an associate linguistics professor at the First Nations University of Canada, were heading to the Clearwater River Dene Nation in northern Saskatchewan on Sunday.

It's one of only three places in

the world where children grow up speaking Dene.

About 7,000 languages are spoken around the world but most research to date has focused on the structurally similar large European languages.

"The question is how do kids go about learning a language that is structurally so different as Dene?" Jung said from Regina.

At one point, Canada was home to more than 70 distinct First Nations languages. Recent figures suggest about a dozen have disappeared altogether and the others — with few exceptions — are extremely en-

dangered.

"By our being there and fostering this interest in children learning the language, we're hoping that maybe this will remind people how important it is to speak Dene to their kids so that they keep learning Dene," Lovick said. "In many other places it's too late."

Much of the initial research on Inuktitut and East Cree is already underway or been done.

One aim of the research is to identify ways to teach First Nations languages more effectively to adults.

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IN BRIEF

Sherbrooke reservoir leaks

Four holes in a drinking water reservoir sent graceful arcs of water into the air and caused some worry in Sherbrooke, Que., Sunday morning.

About 50 residents of a seniors' home were relocated to another part of their residence. Several nearby buildings were likewise evacuated.

A spokesman for the

city said the situation was being stabilized and the leak was almost stopped by early Sunday afternoon. He said the reservoir was not structurally compromised and the holes were likely caused by ice buildup around a pipe. The spokesman said the city's drinking water supply is safe, although close to 4.5 million litres are believed to have been lost. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Middle class to be Clinton's focus

U.S. POLITICS

Former First Lady could be first woman in the Oval Office

Hillary Rodham Clinton jumped back into presidential politics on Sunday, as a top

adviser announced her much-awaited second campaign for the White House.

John Podesta, a top adviser to Clinton, told alumni of her first presidential campaign in an email: "It's official: Hillary's running for president."

If elected, Clinton would become the first woman to serve in the Oval Office.

Clinton enters the race in a strong position to succeed her

rival from the 2008 campaign, President Barack Obama.

Her message will focus on strengthening economic security for the middle class and expanding opportunities for working families.

The campaign is portraying her as a "tenacious fighter" who can get results and work with Congress, business and world leaders.

Clinton's strategy, described

ahead of the announcement by two senior advisers who requested anonymity to discuss her plans, has parallels to the approach Obama took in 2012. He framed his re-election as a choice between Democrats focused on the middle class and Republicans who sought to protect the wealthy and return to policies that led the country into recession.

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Hillary Clinton announcing her candidacy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRAQ

ISIL destroying ruins of Nimrud: Video

Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) militants hammered, bulldozed and ultimately blew up parts of the ancient Iraqi Assyrian city of Nimrud, destroying a site dating back to the 13th century B.C., an online militant video purportedly shows.

The destruction at Nimrud, located near the militant-held city of Mosul, came amid other attacks on antiquity carried out by the group now holding a third of Iraq and neighbouring Syria in its self-declared caliphate. The attacks have horrified archeologists and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who last month called the destruction at Nimrud "a war crime."

The seven-minute video, posted late Saturday, shows bearded militants using sledgehammers, jackhammers and saws to take down huge alabaster reliefs depicting Assyrian kings and deities. A bulldozer brings down walls, while militants fill barrels with explosives and later destroy three separate areas of the site in massive explosions.

"God has honoured us in the Islamic State to remove all of these idols and statues worshipped instead of Allah in the past days," one militant

says in the video. Another militant vows that "whenever we seize a piece of land, we will remove signs of idolatry and spread monotheism."

The militants have been destroying ancient relics they say promote idolatry that violate their fundamentalist interpretation of Islamic law, including the ancient Iraqi city of Hatra, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Authorities also believe they've sold others on the black market to fund their atrocities.

Some of the figures in the video released Saturday at Nimrud appeared to have rebar, ribbed bars of steels designed to reinforce concrete that are a technique of modern building.

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An extremist hammers a relief. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRAZIL

Protests call out president

Tens of thousands of people took to the streets of Brazil on Sunday for anti-government demonstrations across the continent-sized country.

It was the second such day of protests in less than a month and comes as polls show President Dilma Rousseff, four months into her second term, with historically low approval ratings amid a corruption scandal at the state-run oil company, Petrobras, as well as a spluttering economy, a rapidly depreciat-

ing currency and political infighting.

The protest movement has been organized, mostly via social media, by a motley assortment of groups. Most call for Rousseff's impeachment but they are joined by others with demands ranging from looser gun-control laws to a military coup.

Helicopter TV images showed crowds of demonstrators, many of them dressed in the yellow and green colours of the Brazilian flag. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Gold mine ramping up security after heist

MEXICO

Gunmen steal \$8.5 million from Canadian operation

The chief executive of McEwen Mining is beefing up security at the Canadian company’s mine refinery in Mexico to make it as “impenetrable” as Fort Knox after a band of masked gunmen made off with \$8.5 million in gold.

“Everybody’s a bit rattled by this,” said Rob McEwen, recalling the early-morning

heist at the company’s El Gallo 1 mine on Tuesday.

Three of the mine’s security staff were driving to work in two separate cars when they were pulled over a short distance from the refinery by a crew of eight heavily armed robbers, McEwen said.

The gunmen bound and blindfolded the workers, taking their keys, identification, cellphones and cash.

“Somehow they knew who they were and had staked out an area and waited for them,” said McEwen.

The robbers loaded the workers into a car and drove to the mine, where they en-

tered through a back gate.

They apprehended several more people in order to get access to all of the keys needed to get through the security gates and armoured doors at the site.

“Everybody they captured was bound and blindfolded,” said McEwen.

McEwen said the robbers had a good sense of the refinery’s layout, as well as exactly which individuals had the keys that would allow them to get through certain gates.

Gerard Vargas Landeros, the interior minister of Mexico’s western Sinaloa state, where the facility is located, said the heist was most likely an inside

job by either current or former employees.

The burglars loaded small parcels of gold concentrate — black powder that is melted in a furnace and made into partially refined gold bars — onto the back of a heavy-duty pickup truck and drove away, McEwen said. In total, they made off with 900 kilograms of concentrate, containing roughly 7,000 ounces of gold.

McEwen noted that the heist cast a shadow over what’s otherwise been a good year for the facility. “Grades were up sharply, production was up, and then this happens.”

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PAPER PRODUCTS

Separating chaff from wheat yields profit

A company plans to roll out a new line of tissues and paper towels this month that incorporates wheat straw and bamboo, which it hopes will give farmers a new market for what remains after the grain is harvested.

Kimberly-Clark Professional, which manufactures Kleenex and Scott brand products, says its new GreenHarvest line will blend in 20 per cent wheat straw, which it hopes will ease demand for the tree fibre and recycled paper it already uses.

Kimberly-Clark test marketed its prototype products in Canada, Indiana and California before deciding on a full-scale rollout this year. The products will not be sold at retail stores, but will be offered directly to commercial customers such as sports venues and higher education institutions.

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Kimberly-Clark is unveiling a new line of tissues and towels that incorporates wheat straw and bamboo, a move the paper-products maker hopes will provide a rapidly renewable source of fibre and give farmers a new market for the plant residue. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

WORKER SKILLS

Employers urged to spend on training

Canada’s largest companies want employers to put more emphasis on training and making sure their employees’ skills are up to date.

The Canadian Council of Chief Executives is using a conference in Ottawa on Monday to kick off what it hopes will become a national discussion on the importance of employers developing their workers’ skills.

The effort is being spearheaded by Elyse Allan, the

president and CEO of GE Canada.

The council notes a recent Conference Board of Canada study that suggested the average Canadian employer only spends about two-thirds as much as U.S. companies on employee training and education.

Canada’s largest companies are also looking at ways to help young Canadians make the jump from the classroom to the workplace.

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IN BRIEF

Clorox says sorry for tweet about new emoji collection

Clorox has apologized for a social media misstep after the maker of Clorox bleach and other household products sparked outrage by tweeting “where’s the bleach” in reference to last week’s introduction of new “emoji” cartoons for iPhones that include several faces of people with black and brown skin. Clorox says it was attempting a humorous reference to other emoji symbols for objects like toilets and bathtubs.

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Police pay hackers ransom to get their records back

Some Maine police agencies say they have had no other choice than to pay a ransom to computer hackers to get their police records back. Computers at the Lincoln County sheriff’s office were infiltrated by a virus called ransomware. They paid a ransom of about \$300 US to the creator of the virus to get the files back. The Houlton Police Department computers also were held hostage and ended up paying a ransom.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

Anti-GMO movement needs more than Goodall to take it mainstream

I wouldn't have gone if Jane Goodall hadn't been there.

In a small conference room in a Toronto hotel, Friday's event might have been one of her least attended.

It had little to do with chimps. Instead, Goodall came to lend her trusted status to a new book railing against genetically modified organisms in our food system. It's a call that sounds as outdated as anti-war songs.

When even innovation seems like a dated word, there's a sense that modifying things, for better or worse, is just what we do. Take the three-parent babies now legal in the U.K., or cloud-seeding efforts to change the weather. It's been 20 years since GMO products first came to Canada, and our stores are full of them.

So I wanted to know if this icon could be a voice to popularize an old debate. I wanted to know if Goodall could make me care more about GMOs.

Author Steven Druker's book, *Altered Genes, Twisted Truth*, argues governments, scientists, industry and the media have been complicit in allowing GMO foods into our homes, without proof that they are safe. Health Canada says there is no evidence GMO foods are not safe. And Druker is being ignored.

Only two media outlets showed up to the event, a sign that editors don't think Canadians care. While one

poll showed 66 per cent of people in B.C. and 55 per cent in Alberta worry about modified food, few knew which products were GMO. Health Canada has refused to impose labelling, and I don't see mass rallies in the streets.

That's where Goodall could help. A powerhouse environmental brand in a petite frame, Goodall wrote the introduction to the book. She talked of animal studies showing damage to kidneys and livers after eating GMO foods, of scientists pilloried for their studies. Sometimes she lost track of what she was saying, then came around to her point again: GMO equals bad.

But her voice fell on a sparse crowd. The other speakers were longtime GMO activists who sounded at times frustrated, demanding a wider audience for their old worries.

I asked Goodall afterwards if she might be worried that instead of boosting the credibility of the anti-GMO movement, the movement might instead undermine her own.

"No," she said, "Because I've got the facts."

I admire her convictions, but I'm not sure Goodall will be the one to bring the message to the masses.

On stage, she fit all too well into the established GMO debate. It's been going on for a long time. And it will take someone or something more surprising than Goodall to make it new.

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Politicians agree to ignore evidence with Bill C-2

COLLINS' CAPITAL

Steve Collins



There was rare harmony between our federal, provincial and local politicians last week as they gathered to announce the feds' \$62-million contribution to the Ottawa River Action Plan.

The infrastructure upgrade, which will reduce the filth flowing into the Ottawa River, is pretty uncontroversial. Who favours pollution?

And who doesn't like to see our officials from different levels and parties play nice? Depends what they're playing at.

Pierre Poilievre, the federal minister responsible for our region, later talked to Metro to tout the investment, but also to defend Bill C-2, The Respect For Communities Act, passed by the House of Commons last month, which raises new barriers to opening supervised

injection sites for intravenous drug users.

The new requirements include a sheaf of letters from the area's police chief and other officials, and Poilievre pointed out that his government was responding to local concerns, since our mayor and police chief oppose such facilities in Ottawa.

Leave aside for a moment how this solicitude for local sensibilities doesn't extend to, say, the controversial monument to the victims of communism. Mayor Watson has called the memorial a "blight" that's been thrust upon us with zero consultation. The importance of the mayor's opinion grows in direct proportion to how well it dovetails with that of the Tories.

And never mind the mountain of evidence from Vancouver, where the Insite facility has drastically reduced overdose deaths and infectious disease. Or the numerous studies suggesting it could work here.

Like last year's analysis from Simon Fraser University that two supervised injection sites in Ottawa would cost \$4.4 million to operate but save us \$5-million from prevented HIV and hepatitis C infections alone. That's apart from stopping overdose deaths, of which we clock one roughly every ten days in Ottawa.

What about the people pointedly not asked for their input?

"We run a drop-in every week in the downtown core," complained Catherine Hacksel of the Coalition for Safer Consumption Sites in Ottawa (CSCS). "People are using drugs in public places and are unstably housed and we don't see any city councillors visiting us or contacting us or asking us our opinion."

She thinks the feds have done a masterful job of framing a health issue as a criminal one and exploiting stigma against drug users, instead of addressing the copious evi-

dence that harm reduction works. Case in point: C-2's requiring criminal record checks on employees of an injection site. That eliminates a lot of former users who want to help others become former users.

"The reality is people who have been there, which a lot of the time includes having a criminal record, are people who understand what drug users are going through," Hacksel said. "They're really much better at connecting with people who are marginalized because they know how it feels."

She worries C-2 will further slow down the response to an ongoing emergency.

"The longer it takes to get a site open, the more days pass and the more people die...To me, it's very personal because these are my friends."

Co-operation is not always a virtue, and our governments deserve no credit for working together to ignore the evidence and the sick.

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THINGS WE MISS ABOUT THE TELEPHONE CALL

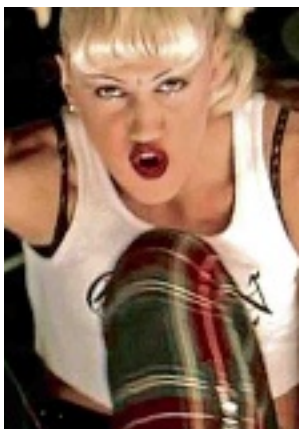
Way back in the day, Alexander Graham Bell patented the telephone. For more than 100 years people would ring each other up to chat. Then along came the smartphone, and now we communicate via text, Snapchat, Instagram posts and Facebook comments. Here are 5 things Metro misses about a simpler time.

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1 Giving us the heebie-jeebies

When Drew Barrymore leaves the Jiffy Pop on the stove to answer the ringing phone in the 1996 horror flick *Scream*, you know it's not going to end well. Scary movies long used ringing phones as a way to build suspense. Having the bad guy furiously typing mean texts to the heroine just wouldn't have the same dramatic impact.



2 Leave a message and I'll call you back

Phones have inspired many great tunes over the years. The song 867-5309/Jenny by Tommy Tutone, released in late 1981, drove a generation of teens to call the number and ask for Jenny. Other amazing songs inspired by the landline: Hello by Lionel Richie and Spiderwebs by No Doubt. There's no doubt Carly Rae Jepsen's Call Me Maybe does not hold a candle to these classic songs about phone calls.



3 Your refrigerator is running...

Calling your classmates or complete strangers to ask "Is your refrigerator running?" used to be a rite of passage. You'd then tell them "Well, you better go catch it!" hang up, and roll around on the floor laughing with friends.

Bart on *The Simpsons* popularized the pastime with his many calls to Moe the Bartender. In retrospect, many of those pranks weren't really that funny, but nothing gave kids a quick thrill quite like a prank call.



4 Girl talk

Once upon a time having more than one phone line was every teen's dream. Multiple lines could be used for evil. In the 2004 comedy *Mean Girls*, featuring a fresh-faced Lindsay Lohan, the three-way call was used as a way to pick on each other. But, multiple lines could also be used for good, like when LiLo uses the tool to get back at the awful Regina George.

5 The mating game

In the 1984 movie *Sixteen Candles*, Molly Ringwald's grandparents fail to pick up a call from her crush until it's too late. She gets her fairy-tale ending, anyway. Back in the '80s, if a boy or girl liked you they were expected to woo you by working up the courage to call, then hold a meaningful conversation. In 2015, you're more likely to get a generic text that he's sent to five other girls reading: "SuP.Free?"



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ADVICE

Solutions for dealing with music not Taylor-made to your liking

URBAN ETIQUETTE

Ellen Vanstone



Dear Ellen, I am not a Taylor Swift fan, but I find I can hum along to Blank Space thanks to people listening to it at full volume through their headphones on the bus every day. How do I politely ask people to turn it down?

—Darren in Winnipeg

I feel your pain. Next to nose and mouth leakage (i.e., coughing and sneezing), headphone leakage is one of the most annoying habits on public transit.

You could politely initiate a discussion (“I can hear you’re

listening to Blank Space, but I’d like to talk to you about a little something called personal space”), but it’s always dicey trying to school strangers in proper etiquette, let alone in a confined space on a bus in Winnipeg in April where everybody’s coat smells funny after a long winter that you just know ain’t over yet.

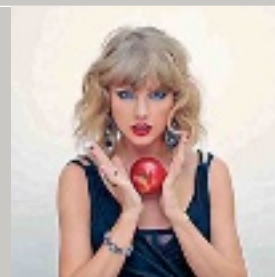
Note also that you’re dealing with a Taylor Swift fan, a particularly rabid breed, who, if they’re anything like Ms. Swift herself, will react with violent emotion.

At best, you’ll undergo a sound tweeting when they pull out their device and complain about your complaint.

At worst, your complaint will come to Ms. Swift’s attention and — given her propensity to write defensive counterattacks masquerading as light-hearted pop — you’ll soon find yourself on the bus listening to a song about haters in The Peg:

*Got a long list of non-fans
They’ll tell you I’m insane
But I know what bus you’re
on, baby
And I’ll find out your name.*

QUICK CRITIC



Despite the lyrics, Taylor doesn’t really Shake It Off

Swift’s Shake It Off song/video is hilarious, because the millions she spent on making it is the exact opposite of shaking off criticism — it’s a long, defensive, pseudo-satirical diatribe against her critics.

But let’s not pick on Ms. Swift here, who donates large sums to such causes as child literacy and anti-LGBT discrimination, and who is not the selfish, oblivious oaf on your bus bleeding sappy music into your headspace.

For this situation, my advice is: If you can’t beat ‘em, join ‘em. You now know the song, so sing along! Don’t worry about getting the lyrics right!

Try: *New money, student tie, and, Got a lonely Starbucks lovers and, Cause we’re young and we’re legless.*

Or sing along to your own music — say, E.T. by Katy Perry with extra emphasis on Kanye’s intro:

*I got a dirty mind
I got filthy ways
I’m tryna bathe my ape
In your milky way.*

As a last resort, use this column. And no, I don’t mean roll up the newspaper and whack the oafs. I mean read it aloud, to your own inner music.

Here are some lyrics for you: *I can hear your headphones, baby.*

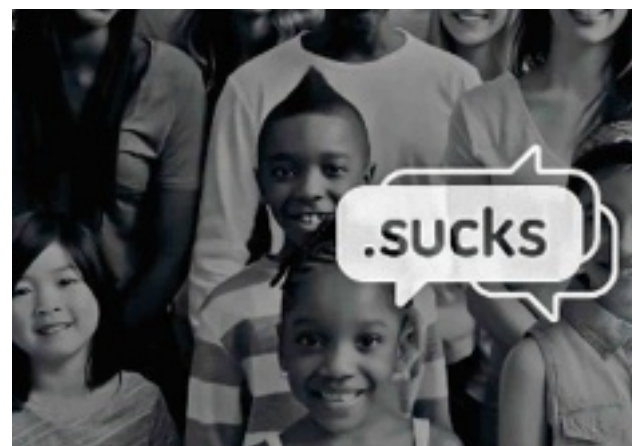
*And it’s driving me insane
Gonna share my own tones,
baby, for as long as we ride
this train.*

(Yes, I know you’re on a bus, Darren, it’s metaphorical! Just go with it, OK?)

Need advice? Email
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Annoyed by the oaf blasting Swift pop tunes on the bus? Maybe read this column aloud to your own inner music. ISTOCK



The Canadian company operating the .sucks domain claims it’s empowering consumers but businesses disagree. SCREENSHOT

PROTEST TOOL?

Domain .sucks stirs up controversy

The new Internet domain .sucks has stirred up a firestorm over free online speech and the potential for extortion against companies and individuals.

The company operating this new domain claims it is “designed to help consumers find their voices,” and its promotional video goes as far as to appropriate clips from a Martin Luther King Jr. speech. “The word sucks is now a protest tool, and it’s up to people to give it more meaning,” says U.S. consumer advocate Ralph Nader in the video.

But critics see it as a shake-

down scheme designed to force companies and individuals to fork over cash to keep an unfavourable or offensive website offline.

So far, purchased names include Youtube.sucks, Bing.sucks, Visa.sucks, Bankofamerica.sucks, Yahoo.sucks, Telusmobility.sucks and other major brand names.

What has fueled concerns is that the domain registrar, a Canadian-based company called Vox Populi, is charging \$2,500 for the website names — far more than a typical website registration of \$10 to \$25 — before the

names are opened to the public on June 1.

The Intellectual Property Constituency, an advisory group to the global Internet domain regulator, complained last month that the “exorbitant sums” are effectively a “shakedown scheme” to get money from companies and others.

After the June 1 deadline, online trolls or “cybersquatters” could buy up the names and then extort even higher prices, according to the group which includes film, software and music industry associations and other

trademark organizations.

The group last month urged the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), which manages the domain system, to stop the .sucks domain before it goes live. But ICANN says it lacks the authority to look into questions of pricing and that it does not interfere with online free speech.

“We do not get into the content or the business model or the pricing of a registry,” said Akram Atallah, who heads ICANN’s global domains division. AFP/THE CANADIAN PRESS/METRO

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Lost in an Alaskan blizzard, a young girl finds help from an Arctic fox in this evocative platform adventure that speaks of isolation, camaraderie, and personal resilience. A recounting of a traditional Inupiaq tale as a stellar co-operative game.

ENTERTAINMENT

Spylight

• iPhone
• Free
Using your phone’s microphone, this app will listen to and identify the TV show or movie you’re watching and then find matches for the clothes worn by characters from online stores. Works with many, but not all shows.

FITNESS

AtariFit

• iPhone/Android
• Free/\$3.49 Subscription
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"The optimist sees the donut, the pessimist sees the hole."

I grew up hearing that saying all the time. You know what I learned about optimism and pessimism as I grew? If you plan like a pessimist, you can live like an optimist. Having imagined the worst that can happen — and planned for it — you can forget about it!

People don't like to think about the crap that can blow out of the west with no notice. Houses burn down. People get sick. Loved ones die. You can stick your head in the sand and repeat, "Bad things don't happen to good people," over and over, but it won't make it true.

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some physical disqualifiers and your premiums will be astronomical.

Just imagine how you'll live if you get sick, can't work a full week anymore, and still have a family to feed and a mortgage to pay? Having enough of the right kind of insurance is the responsible, grown-up thing to do.

Here are some questions you need to have answers for when trying to decide how much and which kind of insurance to buy:

What do you want your life insurance to do for you?

- Pay for your funeral?
- Pay off your outstanding mortgage balance or other debts?
- Offset the loss of your income? For how long?
- Fund your kids' education?

Who do you want to insure?

- You can get a life insurance policy on your own life, or you can get one policy for both you and your spouse (referred to as a joint life policy), which pays when the first partner dies, leaving the life insurance benefit to the survivor.

How long will you need insurance?

- When will your mortgage or other debts be paid off? The amortization per-

iod of your mortgage will often determine how long your term life insurance policy should be.

- When will your family no longer be dependent on your income? No dependents may mean way less insurance.
- When will your children be finished school? One day they'll finish their education and having enough coverage to pay their educational expenses won't be necessary.
- When are you planning to retire? You will have less income to replace at that time.

Okay, that's the insurance stuff. Now on to the pessimist's estate plan.

Did you know that more than half of Canadians don't have a will. Really? You're never going to die? Or is it that God is holding YOU by

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your pompom? Grow up. Without a will, you have no say on who gets your money. Without a will, you can't plan to minimize your taxes. Without a will, you're leaving your family in the lurch. And without legally executed

powers of attorney, you won't have anyone who can speak on your behalf if you didn't have the good luck to die.

Many people see estate planning — making a will and powers of attorney — as a rich folks' activity. With all that money to divide and all those squabbling heirs to quiet, a plan is a must-have. Yes, rich people do pay a lot of attention to how their affairs will be handled when they can't do the bossing around any more. And if you want to take a page from their book, you might want to look at what could happen if you don't pay attention.

Do you need a lawyer? Yes. Yes. Yes. I know there are will kits available. I know they are cheap. But you know what they say: You gets whats you pays for. Estate planning is full of complicated and opaque language so if you

don't have an expert who specializes in legal gobbledegook, you may not get what you need.

If you're still hesitating about creating an estate plan because you don't want to spend the money, know that whatever you think you're saving today you'll more than make up for in taxes and fees later on.

A good estate plan will distribute your assets tax-efficiently, while minimizing fees. It takes some thinking. It can be a little unnerving. But it'll also make it easier on those you leave behind. So do it!

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Keeping up with Carey Price

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The number of wins the Senators earned in their final 31 games. They beat the Flyers 3-1 on Saturday to finish that stretch with a record of 23-4-4.

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The Sens were 14 points out of a playoff spot on Feb. 10.



Mark Stone

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Rookie Mark Stone finished the regular season with a nine-game point streak, scoring his 25th and 26th goals on Saturday.

NHL

Habs look to improve in front of goalie against Sens

Michel Therrien called Carey Price the reason the Montreal Canadiens won 50 games for the first time since 1988-89, and there's no one in hockey who would refute that.

If the Canadiens make a deep run in the Stanley Cup playoffs, Price will be the biggest reason. But as they prepare for Game 1 Wednesday against the Ottawa Senators, Montreal's skaters know there's an onus on them to also step up their game.

"For us, you can't win unless you have everyone going," forward Brendan Gallagher said Saturday at Air Canada Centre. "We have that accountability, that pride in this dressing room for us to focus. We know what we have back end and what Price is going to do for us, but it's up to us to execute our own game plan."

Price, the NHL leader in victories (a franchise-record 44), goals-against average (1.96) and save percentage (.933), has bailed out his teammates a lot this season. Montreal is one of two playoff teams, along with the Calgary Flames to be out-shot by opponents.

Therrien said when the Habs have needed timely, key saves, Price has been there. But that's not all that got them the Atlantic Division title and home ice



Carey Price set a Canadiens franchise record with 44 wins this regular season. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

through the first two rounds of the playoffs.

"As far as I'm concerned he's the best player in the league right now," Therrien said. "Guys take a lot of pride about playing really solid defensively. When there's breakdowns, we're fortunate to get a guy like Carey Price. But we take a lot of pride about the way we want to play,

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He does his job probably the best in the league.

Habs forward Alex Galchenyuk on Carey Price

and to play some tight hockey and make sure we're ready for the playoffs."

Price was key to last spring's run to the Eastern Conference final before getting injured, but

P.K. Subban pointed out that there were other contributors. Subban was the leading scorer, followed closely by Lars Eller, and even Dale Weise chipped in with some big goals.

"We had different guys stepping up at key moments and making big plays, and not just putting pucks in the net, but whether it's blocking shots, making solid defensive plays or making a big hit at the right time," Subban said. "We're going to need those plays, and they're going to prove huge for us in the playoffs." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Bubba Watson helps Jordan Spieth into the green jacket, after Spieth won the Masters on Sunday in Augusta, Ga.

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Spieth has first and last word at Masters

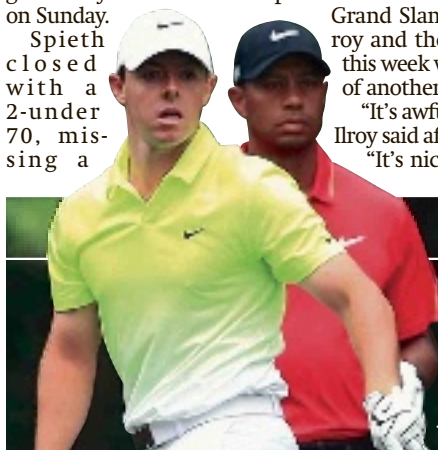
GOLF

Texan realizes his 'ultimate goal' at age 21

Jordan Spieth got more than redemption and a green jacket Sunday. He took his place among the best in the game with a Masters victory for the ages.

One year after Spieth lost a bid to become the youngest Masters champion, the 21-year-old Texan turned in one of the most dominant wins ever at Augusta National. He never let anyone get closer to him than three shots after his record start. He never gave anyone much hope on Sunday.

Spieth closed with a 2-under 70, missing a



+ RECORD BOOK REWRITES

Jordan Spieth will keep the editors of the Masters record book busy. Among the marks he established this week:

- The 36-hole record at 14-under 130.
- The 54-hole record at

- 16-under 200.
- The most birdies for the tournament at 28.
- The lowest opening round by a champion at 64.
- The youngest player to lead after the opening round.

five-foot par putt on the final hole that would have set yet another record. Instead, he tied the score set by Tiger Woods in 1997 at 18-under 270.

"This was the ultimate goal in my golf life," Spieth said.

For all the talk about the Grand Slam bid by Rory McIlroy and the return of Woods, this week was about the arrival of another star.

"It's awfully impressive," McIlroy said after finishing fourth.

"It's nice to get your major

tally up and running at an early stage in your career. It's great to see, great for the game, and I'm sure there will be many more."

Spieth became the first wire-to-wire winner at the Masters since Raymond Floyd in 1976, and this might have been even more special. Craig Woods in 1941 is the only other Masters champion who led by at least three shots from the opening round to the trophy presentation.

Phil Mickelson tried to make a run. So did Justin Rose. Neither

got closer than three shots at any point, and it wasn't long before Spieth was making another birdie putt to take the drama out of the back nine.

Mickelson (69) and Rose (70) tied for second. It was the 10th time Mickelson has been runner-up in a major.

Spieth won for the third time on the PGA Tour and fifth time worldwide. He will rise to No. 2 in the world rankings, still a ways to go to catch McIlroy at the top. When McIlroy won back-to-back majors last year to establish himself as the game's best player, the quest was to find a rival.

Spieth provided the answer on perhaps the biggest stage in the sport.

"I thought today might be easier having played with the lead on Saturday. It wasn't," Spieth said. "It's the most incredible week of my life. This is as great as it gets in our sport.... I'm still kind of in shock a little bit."

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+ AUGUSTA EXTRA

Marquee pair lacks lustre

It's what everyone wanted to see — Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy, teeing off together Sunday afternoon in a major. The problem was they were behind the lead by double digits.

McIlroy and Woods both needed historic rounds to overcome double-digit deficits and squandered a chance to get closer by missing short birdie putts at the easy second hole. Woods closed at 1-over 73 and McIlroy finished six shots back of Jordan Spieth at minus-12.

NHL

Leafs don't linger in clearing front office

Changes were inevitable for the Toronto Maple Leafs after their worst season in almost 20 years. President Brendan Shanahan didn't waste any time making them.

Nonis was fired with three years left on his contract after the Leafs went 30-44-8 to finish with 68 points, the fewest in an 82-game season since 1996-97.

Shanahan and players are set to address the media Monday afternoon at Air Canada Centre.

Toronto was in a playoff position in early January when Nonis announced the firing of coach Randy Carlyle and subsequently replaced him with Horachek. At the time, Nonis blamed inconsistency for the firing and said he is "never worried about" his own job security.

From Jan. 6 until the season

ended Saturday night, the Leafs went 9-28-5 to finish 27th in the NHL. The only silver lining to that is a 9.5 per cent chance of winning the Connor McDavid draft lottery to jump-start the rebuilding effort.

Horachek's dismissal was expected. This is the second straight season he took over as interim coach (2013-14 with Florida Panthers) and was let go.

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You know there's going to be change.

Leafs captain Dion Phaneuf after Toronto's season-ending loss to the Canadiens on Saturday night.

IN-AIR INCIDENT

Ottawa Fury player attacked on flight

An Ottawa professional soccer team says one of its players was attacked on an Air Canada flight.

Graeme Ivory, a spokesman with the Ottawa Fury FC soccer club, said a passenger reached over his seat, without provocation, and "attempted to strangle one of our players with the cord of his headphones."

The incident occurred on an Air Canada flight from Toronto to Atlanta on Friday about 30 minutes before landing.

The player, forward Oliver Minatel, wasn't injured, Roy said, but was shaken up.

Nearby passengers rushed to help and restrained the man for the rest of the flight.

An Air Canada spokeswoman says the flight crew requested that police meet the flight, but further comment would have to

come from authorities in Atlanta.

"We have a zero tolerance policy with respect to unruly behaviour," Teri Udle said in an email.

Authorities boarded the plane after landing in Atlanta and arrested the man.

"The FBI did respond to the Air Canada incident at Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson Airport," said Special Agent Stephen Emmett of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in an email.

"The passenger, however, was transported for medical/mental evaluation under the direction and co-ordination of the Atlanta Police Department. While there are currently no federal charges pending, the facts of the matter are being relayed to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Atlanta, Georgia." THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

United undo City supremacy

Manchester United ended two years of hurt on derby day by dismantling Manchester City in a 4-2 win in the Premier League on Sunday, underlining the reversal in fortunes of the local rivals this season.

City had won four straight Manchester derbies since April 2013 but the "noisy neighbours" — as former United manager Alex Ferguson once called them — were silenced in another sign of United's resurgence under Louis van Gaal.

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Jays attack O's in threes

Jose Bautista hit the last of Toronto's three home runs, and the Blue Jays beat the Baltimore Orioles 10-7 Sunday to complete a solid season-opening road trip.

Bautista's two-run drive in the eighth off Darren O'Day gave Toronto some room after the Orioles cut a five-run deficit to 8-7.

Dalton Pompey and Kevin Pillar also connected for the Blue Jays, who doubled their home-run total for the season. Toronto scored 23 runs in the three-game series, twice reaching double figures. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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1. Dust the chicken with flour. In a large, hot skillet add oil and chicken. Brown the chicken on all sides. Set the chicken aside.

2. Respray the pan with cooking oil. Add the sausage and cook for 5 minutes. Remove from the pan and drain the fat. Set aside.

3. Wipe out the pan and respray. Cook the onions and garlic for 4 minutes. Stir in the bell peppers and cook for 3 minutes. Stir in the rice and cook for 1 minute. Add the sausage, chicken stock, tomatoes, basil, oregano, bay leaf, saffron (if using), salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Cover, lower the heat to a simmer and cook for 25 minutes, stirring occasionally.

4. If the shrimp are large or jumbo, cut them in half. Add the shrimp, mussels and reserved chicken to the sausage mixture. Increase the heat to medium-high and cook for 5 minutes, or until the rice is soft and the mussels have opened. (If the rice begins to stick to the bottom, add another ½ cup stock.) Garnish with parsley.

Ingredients



- 12 oz skinless boneless chicken breast (about 3 breasts), cubed
- 3 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 6 oz mild Italian sausage, cut into ½-inch pieces
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 1 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1 cup short-grain arborio rice
- 2½ cups chicken stock
- 2 cups chopped plum tomatoes
- 2 tsp dried basil
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 bay leaf
- ½ tsp crumbled saffron threads (optional)
- pinch salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 6 oz peeled and deveined shrimp
- 12 mussels, scrubbed and beards removed
- ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley

Nutrition per serving

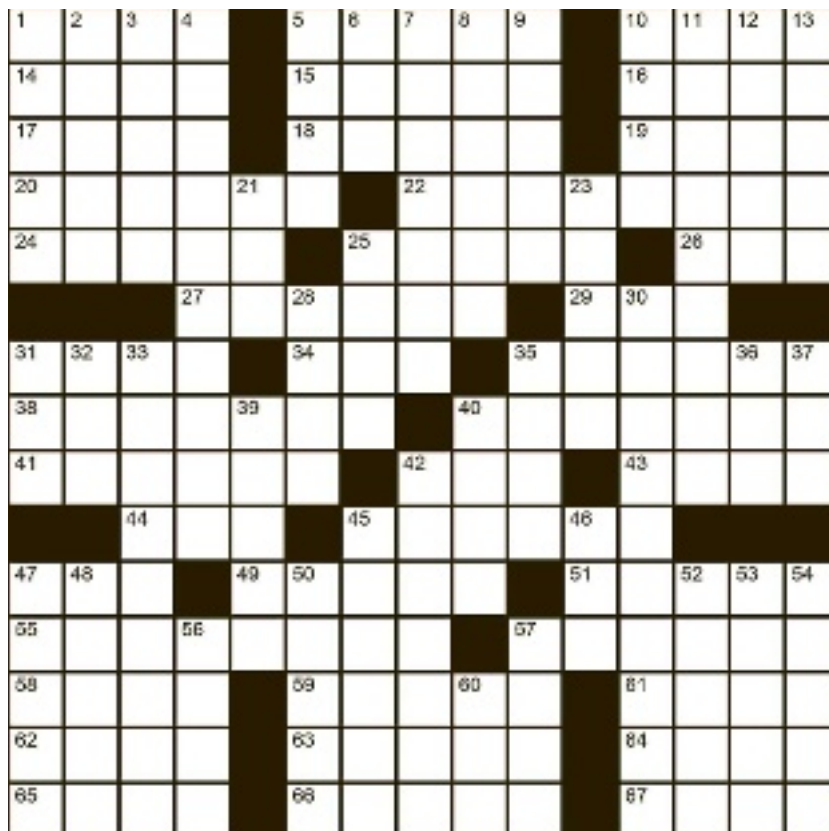
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- R2-D2 and C-3PO, e.g.
- Morocco's capital
- God's Little _____
- 1933 Erskine Caldwell novel
- Lily variety
- J' _____ (Dior perfume)
- Origin
- Current novel by Marilynne Robinson
- 1964 British Invasion reaction
- Per
- Earthquakes
- Jeans brand
- _____ male
- Sheriff-organized group
- Mr. Holbrook
- 2007 to 2012 Canadian sitcom, "Little _____ on the Prairie"
- Air hero
- Shark sort
- Flub
- Workers, informally
- Fancy shirts
- Mischiefous creature of folklore
- Lawn care brand
- Game: French
- "... _____ my Anna-bell Lee..." - Edgar Allan Poe
- Repeated-word dance
- HS class: 2 wds.
- Watering hole
- Toyota hybrid car
- Intimidate an opponent, _____ out

- _____ Centre (Home of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra)
- Ms. Hewitt, portrayed by Rayyan Hamoudi on #27-Across
- _____ blue
- New Edition's "Cool _____"
- Baseball figs.

- Actress Ms. Philipps
- _____ Lumpur, Malaysia
- "_____ you can't guess..."
- Sailed expanses
- "It's Your Thing" by The _____ Brothers
- Cut back

DOWN

- Wood variety
- Projecting window
- Ottawa bloomer
- "Walkin' on the Sun": 1997 hit for what American band?: 2 wds.
- NFL team

- US teeth docs org.
- Montreal greeting
- Song-like
- Ozzy Osbourne's "No More _____"
- Region
- California music festival
- Canadian

- model Coco
- Wife of President Kennedy's brother Bobby
- Psychodelic suit jacket
- "The Wreck of the Mary _____" (1959)
- O thru T letters
- Spots
- For Better or for Worse: 2 wds.
- "Haven't Met You Yet" singer ...his initials-shares
- Tavern fare, briefly
- Lake _____ (Dam-created reservoir on the BC/Montana border)
- "Charmed" sister
- German article
- Noise [abbr.]
- Creed frontman Scott
- Tiara gleamers
- Quebec newspaper, Le _____ de Montreal
- Break
- Prefix to 'centre'
- Medicine cabinet items
- Stir, as curiosity
- Flow-of-energy therapy
- Elated sound for cartoon guy Fred!
- Ye olde town announcer
- Hurriedness
- Articulates
- Influence opinion
- Grand _____ Opry

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♈ Aries March 21 - April 20
Your passion for an issue or cause of some kind will inspire you to give of your best today. You certainly won't give ground to those you disagree with so strongly.

♉ Taurus April 21 - May 21
The Sun in Aries at this time of year tends to bring forth self-doubt but the good news is that the Sun will be moving into your sign in a week's time and then your confidence will return.

♊ Gemini May 22 - June 21
If you want to make a difference in the world then you must push your ego to one side and learn to work with other people. You can't do it all on your own.

♋ Cancer June 22 - July 23

Try not to be too cynical about what is going on around you. Some people can be so negative in the way they look at the world but there is no reason why you should join them.

♌ Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
A week from now the Sun moves into the career area of your chart, so start making plans about how you want things to develop on the work front.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Other people cannot give you success and security - these are things that only you can bring into your life. What happens today will give you the chance to question if you are on the right track.

♎ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It may be time to get yourself free

of a relationship that used to hold you up but is now holding you back. Only you can choose what your next step is going to be but be decisive.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your enthusiasm for your work and for life in general will impress important people today. As far as you are concerned, a job worth doing is a job worth doing well but if others want to praise you for it you're not going to complain.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your powers of persuasion are at a peak and somehow you will know just what to say and just how to say it for maximum effect. Whatever you want over the next few days you will get.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

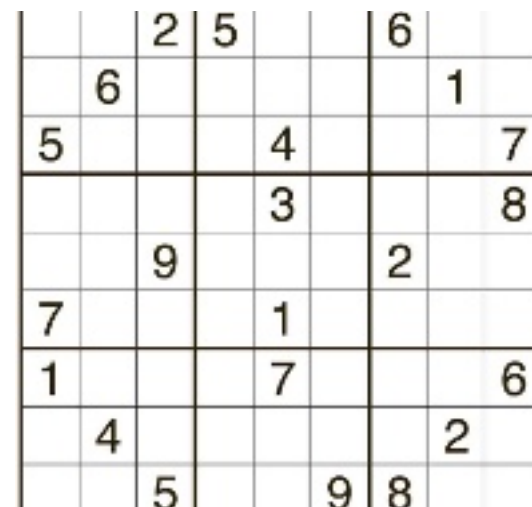
Try not to attach too much importance to what you hear from a friend or work colleague today because there is every chance they don't know what they are talking about.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your attitude towards a belief or opinion you had previously dismissed as ridiculous will change over the next 24 hours. Something will happen to make you wonder if maybe it was you who got it wrong. You're not infallible after all.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
What those around you say is going on may not be what is really going on, so use your Pisces powers of perception to find out what the true story is.

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